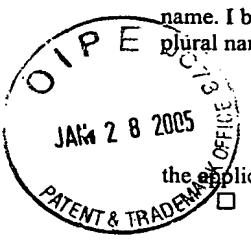


**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**RECORDING AND PLAYBACK SYSTEM**

the application of which  is attached hereto

OR

was filed on June 20, 2003, as PCT/GB2003/002708 and on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Confirmation No. \_\_\_\_\_), and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part application(s), material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application(s) having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

| Prior Application Number(s) | Country       | Filing Date   | Priority Claimed  |
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| 0214444.2                   | Great Britain | June 21, 2002 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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| Prior U.S. or International Application Number(s) | U.S. or International Filing Date | Status |
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I hereby appoint all attorneys of **SUGHRUE MION, PLLC** who are listed under the USPTO Customer Number shown below as my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, recognizing that the specific attorneys listed under that Customer Number may be changed from time to time at the sole discretion of Sughrue Mion, PLLC, and request that all correspondence about the application be addressed to the address filed under the same USPTO Customer Number.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## Assignment

Whereas, We, Chris MCEVILLY of Surrey, Great Britain; and Shaheedur Reza HAQUE of London, Great Britain, hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in RECORDING AND PLAYBACK SYSTEM and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on December 16 and 14, 2004 and

Whereas, ALCATEL, 54, rue La Boetie, 75008 Paris, France (assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

We, the above named assignor(s), hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and we request the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the assignee, its successors and assigns; and we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the assignee in connection with the United States application when called upon to do so by the assignee.

We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number 10/516,470 and Confirmation number \_\_\_\_\_, filed December 3, 2004 the application number and filing date of said application when known.

Date: 16/12/2004 CMEvilly  
s/Chris MCEVILLY

Date: 14/12/2004 Re Haque SHAHEEDUR REZA HAQUE  
s/Shaheedur Reza HAQUE

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